(ix) The Examination Office for recruitment in the Navy has been centralised at New Delhi for setting, printing and distribution of question papers to the ZRO/ BROs through couriers.

(x) Computerisation in the process of recruitment in the Air Force is being progressively increased.

Ration to aircrews

711. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that aircrews while on duty on board aircrafts are not given ration on par with the officers/ flying crews; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to issue necessary instruction to give ration to the aircrews as well?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Aircrew while on duty on board are not given any rations. They are however given pre-flight meals. There is no disparity between the scale of rations authorised for officers and other aircrew, as pre-flight meals.

(b) There is no proposal to give any other ration to any category of the aircrew on board, over and above what is presently authorised.

712. [*Transferred to the 3rd December, 1991*]

Intrusion made by Pakistani forest in Kupwara District of Jammu and Kashmir

713. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that major intrusion bid was made by Pakistani forces on the 19th September, 1991 in Kupwara District in Jammu and Kashmir border;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that similar intrusion bid was made in August, 1990; and

(d) what military and diplomatic action Government have taken or propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) Indian troops maintain a constant vigil and take adequate action to repel any intrusions by Pakistani forces into Indian territory. It would not be desirable to disclose further details in the interest of security.

(d) The Directors General of Military Operations of India and Pakistan have been in periodic touch with each other and the necessity to deescalate the situation has been emphasized by both sides, from time to time. In October, 91, an understanding was arrived at between the two Directors General of Military Operations not to use heavy calibre weapons. The Government also keen a close watch on development in the border areas having a bearing on national security and take adequate measures to ensure full defence prejaredness at all times.

Recruitment of women in Naval Service

714. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to recruit women in the Naval services for the first time;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating (i) the method of recruitment and (ii) the precise areas of naval services for which they are proposed to be recruited; and

(c) by when the proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) The Government have recently approved a proposal for, the induction of women into the Logistics, Law and the Education Branches of the Indian Navy. Details regarding the recruitment are being worked out.